

# SUNKEN BRITISH SUBMARINE TRAPS 52 MEN

## The News-Review

The Weather  
Cloudy with mixed rain and snow today. Snow showers and colder tonight and Saturday.  
Sunset today 5 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:43 a. m.

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### Divers Get No Answers To Taps On Hulk

Craft Sinks In Thames After Collision With Tanker; Fifteen Saved

CHATHAM, Eng., Jan. 13—(AP)—Fifty-two men were feared dead aboard the rammed and sunken submarine Truculent today.

Divers and frogmen tapped out messages on the hulk of the sunken undersea raider, but up to this afternoon apparently had received no response.

Vice Adm. G. B. Middleton of the Chatham navy yard posted a notice saying "great loss of life" is feared.

Work from rescue craft at the scene indicated hope was fading swiftly for the men still believed to be aboard the submarine which went to the bottom of the Thames estuary last night after she was rammed by the iron-clad prow of the Swedish tanker.

"We have practically given up hope," an admiralty spokesman said after divers came up and reported they found no sign of life. Dusk was beginning to close in on the rescue operations.

Nine are known dead. Three of these were picked up last night after the collision and six more bodies were found today. Fifteen men were rescued.

Air Tragedy Follows  
In addition, all five men aboard a Lancaster rescue plane were killed early today in a takeoff crash at a Royal Air Force station in Scotland. The plane was to have picked up divers for the Chatham operation.

The submarine lay in silt about 42 feet below the surface at low tide. The ebbing tide had aided the divers in reaching the craft, which had gone down in water 54 feet deep.

Of the 76 aboard, 58 were sailors and 18 were dockmen sailing as part of the crew in a test cruise after refitting.

This may be the biggest peacetime disaster to a British submarine since June, 1939, when the Thetis sank in Liverpool bay with a loss of 99 lives. The U. S. submarine Squalus, which sank off New Hampshire in May, 1939, cost 28 lives.

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### Kiwanians Will Fete Anniversary

Kiwanis International will observe its 35th anniversary during the week of Jan. 15 to 21. Established in Detroit, Jan. 21, 1915, the community service organization has grown from a single unit to a network of more than 3,000 clubs and 200,000 members throughout the United States, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii and Yukon territory.

Maurice Newland, Roseburg Kiwanis club president, said plans are being made for local observance of Kiwanis Anniversary week, and that he had received a significant report on Kiwanis International's accomplishments this past year.

Nearly \$18,000,000 was raised by clubs to support community funds, polio, heart and cancer campaigns in 1949, he said. At the same time Kiwanians purchased \$14,000,000 in government savings bonds, provided recreational opportunities to 1,650,000 young people, and gave vocational guidance to 285,000 others, along with other achievements. Plans for Roseburg's participation are under the education and fellowship committee's direction, with Horace Berg as chairman.

### Raw Milk Sale Ban Aim Of Portland Proposal

PORTLAND, Jan. 13—(AP)—A city ordinance was ordered drawn Thursday to ban retail sale of raw milk here.

The ordinance, proposed by Commissioner Fred L. Peterson, is based on recent studies by the city health department. Although the amount of raw milk sold is small, health authorities contend it is a potential source of disease.

The ordinance is expected to go before the city council next week.

### N. Y. City CIO and AFL Form Political Merger

NEW YORK, Jan. 13—(AP)—The CIO and AFL have pooled their strength in New York City for joint political action on a year-round basis.

The decision was announced yesterday by leaders of both big labor organizations, who termed the local political alliance "historic and unprecedented."

There was no indication whether they hoped to extend the plan elsewhere.

### Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Friday, 13th, is here once more; Watch your step lest you go a-scootin' When you least expect And break your neck Or a New Year's resolution.



WINE WAR—California Board of Equalization agents drag grocer Charles Hawkins, 37, from his Stockton store (top) after arresting him for selling a bottle of wine for 39c instead of 45c as set by the California Fair Trade act. Unconscious, Hawkins lies in street with his head on his wife's lap (bottom) while officers wait for him to revive. A crowd booted police and called them "Gestapo" as Hawkins was taken off to jail.—(NEA Telephoto).

### Ruling Of Neuner Stymies Plan To Set Aside 4 Blocks For Expanding State Capitol

SALEM, Jan. 13—(AP)—Attorney General George Neuner tossed a roadblock today in plans for the state to save a four-block area for future state capitol buildings.

Neuner ruled that neither the state board of control nor the state emergency board has any power to pay \$31,000 to Robert Coates, Portland, who plans to build a \$300,000 7-story apartment house in the four-block area. The area is wanted by the Capitol Planning commission for future state buildings.

Coates had said he would change his mind about building the apartment house in the area if he were repaid the \$31,000 he already has spent. This includes a \$13,000 lot.

Neuner ruled that the state can't repay Coates the money unless the legislature acts. The legislature doesn't meet until a year from now.

Neuner ruled that the board of control can't spend the money because the legislature hasn't included those four blocks in the capitol zone.

He ruled the emergency board can't pay the \$31,000 because no emergency exists.

"There is nothing in the law," Neuner wrote, "which authorizes the emergency board to declare a deficiency or make an appropriation for the acquisition of land, the purchase of which has not been authorized by an act of the legislature. The board is an administrative agency. It

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### Victims' Kin Win On Mercy Appeal For Slayer

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 13—(AP)—John Klingaman, 70, of Walkerton, Ind., will receive a relatively light punishment for killing two men because the victims' relatives recommended mercy.

Klingaman fatally shot Ora Jackson, 71, and his cousin, Lester Jackson, 53, both of Waskerton, last July. Police said he explained the men had teased him for years, accusing him of killing a rabbit out of season.

In superior court yesterday Judge J. Elmer Peale asked six relatives of the dead men if they would be satisfied if Klingaman pleaded guilty to a charge of voluntary manslaughter. They agreed. The elderly man entered the plea and was sentenced to 10 to 21 years in prison. He had been charged with first degree murder in the slayings.

### Lumber Industry Will Expand At Medford

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 13—(AP)—A million-dollar program to increase remanufacture of lumber in this area was announced Thursday.

An industrial area will be developed on the old Camp White property, with mills and workers' houses.

The Ross Lumber company will build a \$400,000 plant and the White City Lumber company a \$500,000 plant, with plans and resaw facilities to extend the remanufacture of lumber products here. Other firms are expected to locate in the same area.

The new plants will increase the supply of materials for remanufacturing plants here. The project is expected to give employment to about 300 men.

### Coal Shortage Gets Serious, Survey Shows

Truman Still Refuses To Invoke T-H Act, Saying No Emergency Exists

By HAROLD W. WARD (ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—The U. S. Chamber of Commerce today reported a "critical" coal shortage in 36 cities, hard on the heels of President Truman's new denial that the three-day mine week has created a coal emergency.

The Chamber statement apparently was prepared before Mr. Truman's indication to his news conference yesterday that he has no immediate plans to force full production in the coal fields by using his Taft-Hartley act emergency injunction powers against John L. Lewis' United Mine workers.

The Chamber reported that it had surveyed areas in 10 "principal bituminous coal using states," with this result:

"With an average of less than seven days' supply in dealers' hands in 36 average sized towns surveyed, telegraphed advices from chambers of commerce in these cities reveal that widespread suffering and hardship has been averted so far primarily be-

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### Lumber Co. Near Roseburg Bought

Dave Kesner, bookkeeper and office manager for the newly-formed Green Valley Lumber company, announced today the purchase of the Universal Lumber company by two local men and one from Eugene.

The Universal company, located three miles south of Roseburg on highway 99, has been leased and operated by the Crenshaw Lumber company since May of last year. It was recently purchased by Lloyd Crenshaw, formerly of the Crenshaw Lumber company; Henry Bailey, Walker Milling company; and Jack Kerr, Kerr Lumber company, Eugene.

The new Green Valley plant will function as a remilling plant, surfacing up to 150,000 board feet of lumber daily when full production is reached. The company operates its own sawmill in Camas Valley and also buys rough stock from several small mills in this locality.

Kesner said extensive improvements are planned for the remilling plant in the near future, including additional new equipment and increased yard facilities. A new office building is to be constructed in the spring.

When running at capacity, Kesner said a total of 50 men will be employed in the mill and planer.

### Northwest Hit By Icy Blizzard

Blizzard-like weather blasted at the Pacific Northwest today. Winds reported up to 60 miles an hour hit the Washington coast. The storm sank eight or nine fishing boats in the moorage on Grays harbor.

Many schools closed. Rural schools have been closed for several days. City schools of Portland, Tacoma, Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Port Angeles, Everett, Longview, Kelso, Olympia and Kennewick closed in the face of the snow and storm today.

All Cowlitz county schools closed. Vancouver's schools were the only ones open in Clark county.

The weather bureau at Portland issued a special forecast to warn that the city might have a foot of snow by nightfall. The city's schools were ordered closed at noon.

Trains from the east were running behind schedule. One line reported a train nine hours late.

### Taft Counters Truman With Victory Forecast

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—President Truman's talk of rosy Democratic prospects in Ohio was countered today by Republican Senator Taft's claim that he could be re-elected now—and will win in November.

Taft told reporters he sees no reason why the conditions which he thinks already favor his bid for a new six-year senate term won't be even better when voting time rolls around.

### K-Falls Hanging Death Is Pronounced Suicide

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 13—(AP)—An unemployed Dental Technician, Almon Otis Boutwell, 46, was found dead in his hotel room here yesterday afternoon, hanged in a closet doorway.

Sheriff Franey said the death was a suicide. He said Boutwell had used four strands of picture wire.

### LUCKY STOOP

Sight Restored As Man Bends To Tie Shoestring

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 13—(AP)—The simple act of stooping over to tie his shoestring was credited today by a 41-year-old salesman with helping to restore his sight after 12 years of total blindness.

Foster M. Wilson said that when he stooped to tie his shoestring recently he suddenly saw a beam of light. Then there was a fog and finally a light haze.

He rushed to the doctors he said had told him he would never see again. At first, the doctors said his newly acquired vision was "a temporary improvement at best."

However, Wilson said, the improvement continued and now he has almost 20-20 vision with the aid of thick-lens glasses.

Wilson, married and the father of 18-year-old twins, said the doctors told him he lost his sight because portions of his eyes had become detached. The sudden movement of his head when he stooped over, served to "weld" the severed organs.

He plans to continue in his job as a heating and air conditioning salesman.

### Slays His Bride Because She's 15 Minutes Late

NEW YORK, Jan. 13—(AP)—A young bride was killed by her jealous husband, police said today, because she got home 15 minutes late.

The victim was Ann Taylor, 21, a bride of three months. Her husband, Thomas, 28, was booked on a homicide charge after he voluntarily gave himself up last night.

Police said he told this story: He and his wife had moved into a one-room Brooklyn apartment a week ago. Yesterday, at her insistence, he permitted her to go visit her foster mother. She promised to return by 3:45 p.m.

When she didn't return until 4 p.m., the husband, in a rage of jealousy, beat her with a hammer and then strangled her with his belt.

"I thought I was going to lose her," police quoted him. "I was insanely jealous."

"I didn't believe her when she told me that she had been delayed by three slow-moving trolleys," he was quoted.

Police quoted Taylor as saying of his wife: "How I loved that gal. Let me kiss her goodbye just once more, and I'll tell you everything you want to know."

### President Urges Demo Backing For FEP Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—The administration turned on the heat today for passage of a bill to ban job discrimination, following President Truman's plea to Democratic congressmen to fall in step with the entire "fair deal."

Chairman Sabath (D-Ill) summoned the House Rules committee to hearings on a measure to establish a fair employment practices commission to enforce rules forbidding discrimination against job-seeking Negroes and others.

Mr. Truman said last night that after next fall's congressional elections "we will have a Democratic party that represents the people" in both Senate and House.

### Penalty For Election Slackers Is Suggested

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—Rep. Brehm (R-Ohio), admitting that he is sorely perplexed, suggested today that people who miss voting in two national elections should lose the privilege for the next four years.

So many people don't vote, Brehm said sadly, that a congressman can't figure out the wishes of the majority.

For instance: How can a Republican lawmaker decide what the people in his district want when they re-elect him, but also give a majority to President Truman?

"I want a majority opinion of all those I represent," Brehm said plaintively. "What I have now is a majority opinion of minority groups."

### Coinage Of "Half-Bits," "Bits" Sought In Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—Rep. Patman (D-Tex) thinks it's about time Congress did something to give some legal dignity to the expression "two bits"—a quarter, that is.

He introduced a bill yesterday to authorize the coinage of "bits" and "half-bits."

The "bit" would be worth twelve and one half cents and would contain a little more silver than a dime.

### Winter Storm Continues In Oregon Areas

Heavy Snows Reported, Chains Needed On Cars, Coos Road In Bad Shape

Road conditions both north and south of Roseburg reflected a continuation of the combination snow-rain-ice storm which hit areas bordering highway 99 almost a week ago.

State police today said the highway is passable north of here and chains are not required, although the highways are slushy.

According to an Associated Press report, the State Highway commission is requiring motorists to use chains from Corvallis north to Portland. The road report for that area, as of 9:15 a. m. today, indicates it is still snowing hard at Salem and Corvallis north to Portland, with road crews attempting to clear the highway by plowing. Road conditions at Eugene are similar to those in Roseburg, light snow and rain, with the pack breaking up.

South of Roseburg, state police are requiring motorists to use chains for highway travel. Grants Pass reports it is snowing hard there, to put another layer on the packed snow already on the roads. Chains are also required on the Siskiyou south of Ashland, and Redwood highway 199 is termed passable with chains but is very hazardous, according to state police. Although the pavement is bare at Medford, state police said the sky is overcast, presaging more storms today.

Vehicles Turned Back The Coos Bay highway is also (Continued on page Two)

### Plane Crashes In Street; Two Die

LONG BEACH, Calif., Jan. 13—(AP)—Two Air Force Reserve fliers were killed and three others escaped with light injuries in the crash of a training plane on a residential street last night.

The pilot was able to nose the plane into the street, where it struck two parked cars and burst into flames.

The home which was struck but undamaged is that of Charles Partridge, Mrs. Partridge, who ran out to see the plane burst into flames, collapsed and was treated for shock.

### Aberdeen Licenses Pinball Despite Court Decision

ABERDEEN, Jan. 13—(AP)—The Aberdeen city council Thursday approved a motion by the license committee to license the operation of pinball machines here this year.

No reference was made to a recent state supreme court decision holding such devices illegal.

The committee motion would permit the Grays Harbor Amusement Co., to operate 162 machines in the city by payment of a \$1,000 master fee and \$15 a month for each machine.

### Auto Skid Into Pond Kills Three Persons

LONGVIEW, Wash., Jan. 13—(AP)—An Army corporal's wife and two children died early today when the family car skidded from an icy highway and plunged into a roadside pond.

Cpl. Walter Warner, 25, the husband and father, escaped from the car but said he was unable to rescue his trapped family. He was suffering from exposure and shock when he was rescued from its top.

### PROBABLY "BONING UP"

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13—(AP)—Rudolph M. Nelson, 30, is booked today on suspicion of robbery after department store detectives accused him of swiping a book.

The book: "Alcatraz Island Prison and the Men Who Live There."

### Patient Accused In Hospital Fire

DAVENPORT, Ia., Jan. 13—(AP)—A young woman patient who admitted setting a mental ward fire that killed 41 women because "I thought I could escape if the building would burn," is to be arraigned tomorrow on a charge of murder.

Mrs. Elvora Epperly, 23, of Rock Island, Ill., was charged by Scott county Attorney Clark O. Fliseth yesterday with "murder committed in the perpetration of arson."

Authorities said they were checking further into the story told by the woman, who was a patient in St. Elizabeth's mental ward at Mercy hospital. The mental ward was destroyed by fire last Saturday morning.

Dr. Werener M. Hollander, Davenport psychiatrist, said Mrs. Epperly was "schizophrenic." He noted her story was typical of her type of patient.

(Schizophrenia is a form of mental derangement resulting in inaction or simulating of qualities one does not possess.)

### Formed Mental Patient Kills Wife And Infant

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 13—(AP)—A World War II veteran—recent state mental patient—last night admitted to deputy sheriffs a quantity of poison (rodenticide). Hospital attendants said his condition was "fair" today.

He was taken to Ohio State university hospital after he stabbed himself and swallowed a quantity of poison (rodenticide). Hospital attendants said his condition was "fair" today.

Only last Nov. 9 Welch was released from the Columbus state hospital and placed in his wife's custody. Two months before he had been judged mentally incompetent in probate court. He was released for a "trial visit" at home upon the insistence of relatives and friends.

### Fire Razes Lumber Mill In North Vancouver, B. C.

NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 13—(AP)—A 35-minute fire, fanned by cold winds and fed by popping fuel drums, destroyed the Lions Gate Lumber company's main mill here last night.

Along with the \$100,000 mill which employed 120 men, the fire burned 20,000 feet of cut lumber, a huge saw, planers and edgers. A 4,000-volt power line was seared, blanketing out neighboring mills and a small residential district.

Cause of the blaze was not determined.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
The foreign office of the Chinese Nationalist government (which is making a last stand on the big island of Formosa, just off the China coast) issues a formal statement in which it expresses the hope that the Flying Arrow incident will not affect the "friendly feelings between the Chinese and American peoples."

MAYBE we'd better get this "incident" straight in our minds. The Flying Arrow is an American ship. It is loaded with goods that the COMMUNIST government of China wants very much. It is headed for the port of Shanghai, which the Chinese Communists now control, along with most of the rest of mainland China.

It has been attacked and shot up by the naval forces of the Nationalist government which has

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### Death Penalty For Spies Restored By Russia

MOSCOW, Jan. 13—(AP)—The death penalty returned yesterday to Soviet Russia's statute books after an absence of almost two years.

The local press published an edict by the presidium of the Supreme Soviet decreeing revival of the penalty for "traitors to the homeland, spies and saboteurs."

For other crimes the death sentence still will not be given.

(Speculation at once arose in London that the return of the death penalty presaged new prosecution similar to the 1937 Moscow treason trials.)

The presidium abolished capital punishment on May 26, 1947, because, its edict then said, it was "no longer necessary in peacetime conditions." This, the decree explained, was because Russia's world war two victory had demonstrated "the exceptional loyalty of the entire population of the Soviet Union to the Soviet country and the Soviet government."

### W. W. Wiser Convicted Of Theft Of Truck Tires

"Guilty as charged" was the finding of the jury Thursday in the trial of W. W. Wiser, accused of the theft of four truck tires. The verdict was split with two members casting ballots for acquittal.

In his instructions to the jury, Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly said a 10-vote majority was needed to determine the future status of a defendant in a felony trial other than a capital offense.

Judge Wimberly set Friday, Jan. 20, as the date for sentencing Wiser, Ray Compton, counsel for Wiser, said the defense may appeal.

Wiser's alleged accomplice, Richard Backus, was returned from the state penitentiary to appear as a state's witness.

### Vets' Dividend Checks, Going Into Mails Next Monday, Exempt From Debts, Income Taxes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(AP)—GI dividend checks are exempt from seizure for payment of debts, the Veterans administration said today.

The Treasury department printed its first large batch of the world War II insurance dividend checks yesterday, and the Post Office department will start mailing them—at a proposed rate of 200,000 a day, 1,000,000 a week—next Monday.

The major part of the \$2,800,000 dividend is to be paid out by next June 30. There are about 16,000,000 policy holders.

The Veterans administration said that the dividend checks "may not be withheld from Veterans as security for indebtedness due an individual or firm."

It added that it issued the announcement "after noting that some veterans have directed that their checks be mailed to certain business establishments in various localities."

"We have no choice but to honor such requests, since the Veteran has the right to have his check mailed to any address he designates," VA said.

"However, no one has the legal right to withhold dividend checks from Veterans after receipt, either for settlement of a debt or for any other reasons."

The dividend checks also are exempt from income taxes.

Postmaster General Donaldson has urged that Veterans keep home letterboxes locked and remove mail promptly, lest forgers try to steal the checks.

Secret Service Chief U. E. Baughman also has advised merchants to guard against forgers and to require better personal identification than Social Security cards or drivers licenses before cashing the dividend checks.

Baughman pointed out that the person who cashes a government check on a forged endorsement is the loser for the full amount.

The checks will range in size from 90 cents to \$528, with the average running about \$125.